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1. STARTING IN 1973 THE FOLLOWING CUSTOMS
EXPORT PROHIBITION ORDERS (CEPO) HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED. (ACCORDING
TO GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND SOURCES, THEY ARE NOT USED IN
CONJUNCTION WITH EXPORT QUOTAS.)

BTN NO.	DETAILS OF PROHIBITION ORDER	DATE ORDER EFFECTIVE	REASON FOR INTRO- DUCTION OF ORDER
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01.02.000 CEPO 1973	PROHIBITING	MARCH 2, 1973	TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST DRAIN ON NEW ZEALAND'S PEDIGREE STOCK CATTLE.
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23.06.000 CEPO (NO.2) 1973		MARCH 3, 1973	TO MAINTAIN DOMESTIC
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THROUGH PROHIBITING SUPPLIES IN CASE OF

23.07.009 EXPORTATION OF SHORTAGES.
ANIMAL FODDER
AND CEREAL GRAINS.

02.01.209 CEPO (NO.3) 1973 SEPTEMBER MAINTAIN

23.01.000 PROHIBITING 11, 1973 DOMESTIC
AND EXPORTATION OF SUPPLIES.

15.02 CERTAIN ANIMAL
PRODUCTS.

17.01.101 CEPO 1974 NOVEMBER 29, ALL SUGAR IS
PROHIBITING 1974 IMPORTED INTO
EXPORTATION OF NEW ZEALAND
SUGAR. AND SOLD WITH
A GOVERNMENT
CONSUMER SUBSIDY.
RESTRICTION IS TO
ENSURE THAT
DOMESTIC SUPPLIES
ARE NOT EXPORTED
FOR A PROFIT.

COPIES OF THE FOUR ABOVE-MENTIONED CUSTOMS EXPORT PROHIBITION
ORDERS ARE BEING TRANSMITTED UNDER COVER OF A SEPARATE AIRGRAM.

2. AS STATED IN REFTTEL (B), EXPORT LICENSES ARE REQUIRED ON
ALL EXPORTS TO ENSURE THAT PROCEEDS FROM EXPORT SALES GO THROUGH
THE NEW ZEALAND BANKING SYSTEM.

3. THERE ARE SEVERAL PRODUCER AND MARKETING BOARDS OPERATING IN NEW
ZEALAND WHICH WORK IN CLOSE LIAISON WITH GNZ DEPARTMENTS.
(GNZ APPOINTS ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF EACH BOARD. IN SOME CASES THE
GNZ APPOINTED MEMBER IS A GOVERNMENT MINISTER OR OFFICIAL.)
THEY ARE:

THE MEAT PRODUCERS' BOARD
THE DAIRY BOARD
THE APPLE AND PEAR MARKETING BOARD
THE WHEAT BOARD
THE EGG MARKETING BOARD

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THE WOOL MARKETING CORPORATION
THE FISHING INDUSTRY BOARD

BROADLY SPEAKING THE FUNCTIONS OF ALL THE BOARDS ARE
SIMILAR. IN THE MAIN THEY RELATE TO ACQUIRING, GRADING, STORING,
PRICING AND/OR IN SOME CASES THE ACTUAL EXPORT OF PRODUCTS THE
INDIVIDUAL BOARDS HANDLE.

4. EXPORT RESTRICTION AS SUCH IS NOT ONE OF THE GENERAL FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARDS. HOWEVER, THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCER BOARDS, BY THE VERY NATURE OF THEIR OPERATING METHODS, ARE ABLE TO CONTROL EXPORTS AND IN FACT DO (INCIDENTAL TO THEIR OPERATIONS), WITHHOLDING OR DELAYING EXPORTS UNTIL MORE FAVORABLE EXPORT PRICE CONDITIONS PREVAIL. THE MEAT PRODUCERS' BOARD AND THE WOOL MARKETING CORPORATION HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE AND STORE MEAT AND WOOL WHEN THE SELLING PRICE FOR EXPORT FALLS BELOW A CERTAIN LEVEL. WHEN THE PRICES IMPROVE THE BOARDS SELL TO THE EXPORT MARKET, HOPEFULLY FOR PROFIT. ALL DAIRY PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT ARE PURCHASED FROM THE FARMERS AT A SET PRICE AND SOLD INTERNATIONALLY BY THE NEW ZEALAND DAIRY BOARD. THE APPLE AND PEAR MARKETING BOARD (APMB) OPERATES IN A SIMILAR FASHION, PAYING A PRESET "AVERAGE PRICE".

5. THE REMAINING BOARDS BASICALLY ARE MORE CONCERNED WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF QUALITY STANDARDS AND ORDERLY MARKETING.
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